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SUBJECT: GSDR CRITICIZES UNSC INITIATIVE, TRUCKS TO ETHIOPIA

1. ACTING MINISTER OF INFORMATION ABDISALAM SHEIKH HUSSEIN CHARGED LAST NIGHT, FEB 24, THAT THE UNITED STATES CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF NON-EXISTING SOMALI REGULAR FORCES IN ORDER TO LEGITIMIZE ETHIOPIA'S REOCCUPATION OF LIBERATED WESTERN SOMALIA. SPOKE AT A WELL ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE, THE JUSTICE MINISTER, SUBSTITUTING FOR HIS COLLEAGUE WHO IS HEADING A MISSION TO PEKING, ADDED THAT TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY DECIDE TO RESUPPLY ETHIOPIA WITH SPARE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS. ABDISALAM ALSO OBSERVED THAT THESE WESTERN COUNTRIES CLAIM TO HAVE ASSURANCES FROM THE SOVIET UNION THAT (ETHIOPIAN AND) ALLIED FORCES WOULD NOT CROSS THE PROVISIONAL BORDER, A CLEAR INDICATION OF MUTUAL CONSENT BY THE SUPER POWERS TO INTERFERE IN PURELY AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THE ACTING MINISTER WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF THE US INITIATIVE TO TAKE THE MATTERHINTO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, A MOVE H CHARGED WAS WRESTLING THE MATTER FROM AFRICA WHICH WAS TRYING TO FIND A CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND TANTAMOUNT TO WINDING THE CLOCK BACK TO THE TIME WHEN AFRICA WAS DIVIDED AGAINST THE WILL OF ITS PEOPLES.

2. THE ACTING MINISTER CONTINUED; QUOTE: THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS ASTONISHED AT THE AMBIGUOUS AND CONTRADICTORY POLICY OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. AT FIRST, PRESIDENT CARTER STATED THE U.S. WOULD EXTEND AID TO SOMALIA TO BALANCE RUSSIAN,

CUBAN AND ALLIED MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ABYSSINIA, EVEN THOUGH HE CONSENTED THAT ISRAEL SUPPLY ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ABYSSINIA. NEXT, HE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT SUPPLY ARMSASI EVLHER SOMALIA OR ABYSSINIASAS LONG AS THE CONFLICT IN THE REGION CONTINUED. AND NOW, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SCS SENDING MILITARY CONSIGNMENTS TO ABYSSINIA\* END QUOTE.

3.G ABDISALAM CLOSED HIS FORMAL REMARKS BY STATING THAT THE GSXR REJECTS ALL ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THE CONFLICT IN THE HORN WHICH ARE NOT BASED ON:

- A. IMMEDIATE CEASFIRE
  - B. WITHDRAWAL OF EXTERNAL FORCES
  - C. NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE OAU, AND
  - D. RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION.
4. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOWED, ABDISALAM SAID THE GSXR WOULD DECIDE VERY SOON WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL PROTEST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVT. HE SAID THE QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF U.S. ASSISTNACE TO ETHIOPIA DOES NOT CONCERN THE GSXR VERY MUCH, WHAT DOES CONCERN IT IS THE ACT OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO. REPLYING TO A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, THE ACTING MINISTER REPEATED HIS STAND, SAYING IT WAS THE U.S. WILL TO HELP THE ETHIOPIANS THAT MATTERED. ON THE MILITARY SIDE THE ACTING MINISTER CLAIMED WSLF FORCES ARE ADVANCING TOWARD DIRE DAWA.

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5. COMMENT: THE GSXR WAS CLEARLY STUNG BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT US TRUCKS AND SPARE PARTS WOULD BE SENT TO ETHIOPIA. THE INTEMPERATE RESPONSE DISPLAYS A VIRTUAL DESPAIR OF US MOTIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GSXR CONTINUES TO BEAT ITS OWN PROPAGANDA DRUMS TO KEEP DOMESTIC SUPPORT IN LINE. WE HAVE REPORTS THAT THERE WILL BE MAJOR DEMOSTRATIONS OF WORKERS, WOMEN, AND YOUTH DURING THE NEXT WEEK. THERE IS ONE OTHER INTERESTING ASPECT OF BOTH THE ACTING MINISTER'S REMARKS AND SIAD'S COMMENTS TO THE PRESS EARLIER IN THE WEEK. BOTH BELITTLED THE PRESENCE OF SOMALI REGULAR FORCES IN THE OGADEN, LEADING US TO SPECULATE THAT THE GSXR WISHES PERHAPS TO COUNTERVENE THE EARLIER ADMISSION THAT ITS FORCES ARE ENGAGED IN THE OGADEN FIGHTING.

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